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Urban Public Library Minutes September 22, 2006 Bedford Public Library

Attendance:

Joe Dionne (Nashua), Janet Angus (Merrimack), Nancy Vincent (Keene), Michelle Sampson (Milford), Denise van Zanten (Manchester), Toni Weller, (Hudson), Mary Ann List (Portsmouth), Sue McCann (Portsmouth), Eleanor Strang (Salem), Beth Bloomquist (Londonderry), Cathy Beaudoin (Dover), Mike Grace (Claremont), John Fuchs (Rochester), Jean Williams (Salem), Michael York (NHSL) and Mary Ann Senatro (Bedford).

The regular meeting of the Urbans Public Library Consortium was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson, Janet Angus.

1. Minutes: The minutes from the meeting on June 23 were approved as written.
2. Treasurer's Report: Urbans savings account balance is \$2005.52. The Treasurer's report was placed on file.
3. Information Exchange: There was an information exchange of events going on in each member's library.
4. Monthly Discussion Topic: "Downloadable Audio books Update".

New Hampshire State Librarian, Michael York, reported that 862 titles have been purchased from Overdrive for the New Hampshire Downloadable audiobook project and that 630 titles are currently checked out. The Blackstone collection has 50 titles in it which are always available for check out. Twenty libraries from the first round of libraries to join are up and running now. There are ten libraries in the next group. September 29 is the cut off to be in the next round and these libraries are set to be up and running in mid-October.

Schools will be urged to get in touch with their local public library to offer the service to their students using their public library card.

Issues with downloadable audio books were discussed. Suggestion was made to shorten the loan period from 14 days to 7 days. Bobbi Slossar will send out a quick survey about changing the loan period. The number of titles that can be checked out is currently three. If a patron has three books downloaded and a book on hold a problem arises if the hold becomes available. They are not able to download the book at that time as there is no more room in their queue. Manchester City Library has a cheat sheet explaining to patrons that they should only check out two items to leave room to download a hold when it becomes available. More copies of titles will be purchased when the hold list reaches four.

The New Hampshire State Library paid for the original set up, the annual fee and the initial purchase of the Blackstone collection. All participating libraries purchased content and more content will be purchased soon with the influx of the next round of new members. All libraries that are participating will receive an invoice in January 2007, 365 days net.

Nashua Public Library is interested in purchasing eBooks as part of the collection.

GMILCS libraries have offered to add subject headings to make it easier to search for audio books. Currently, not all titles appear in the correct categories because of some of the subject headings are confusing or lacking. Interested libraries will work with Bobbi Slossar to review the subject headings.

The New Hampshire State Library is facilitating the downloadable audio book project for the libraries in the state and collection development is being done state wide with volunteers from participating libraries. All questions pertaining to collection development should be handled at the individual library as well as suggestions for additions to the collection.

5. Association Reports

- a) State Library-there is a new look to the New Hampshire State Library website:
<http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/> Please contact Diana Degen or Michael York for website questions.
Trip to Washington- 42 librarians went on the trip and met with Congressman Bass and Congressman Jeb Bradley. They also met with the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington.
Nelineet-The NH State Library is currently a full member of Nelineet and Charlie LeBlanc is the contact person at the state library. There will be a meeting called regarding the response by libraries to the new approach to service offered by Nelineet.
- b) NHAIS-Board met yesterday. The next scheduled meeting is October 11 to look at the next automation system. Guilford is the first ASP library offered by the state.
- c) NHLA-Board working on the constitution and bylaws. November 2 will be the fall meeting. The Local Government Center has decided to not take over handling the finances of NHLA. The website may be hosted through the LGC.
- d) NELA-conference in Burlington, Vermont on October 22-24, 2006.
- e) ALA-no report.

6. Old Business

Cathy Beaudoin from Dover has agreed to work on the UPLC Annual Salary Survey. She will send it out.

7. New Business

Sue McCann has a prototype website for the Urbans Public Library Consortium at
<http://www.nh.gov/nhla/urbans.htm>

8. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting date: October 27, 2006 in Keene. Monthly topic will be Special Populations.

Respectfully submitted,

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